

country, increasing production, and offering opportunities to all for employment in the service of the community."

The Commission takes into account fully disparities in levels of living and development between different section of the population and regions, in formulating plans for socio-economic development.

STATEMENT

The composition of the Planning Commission is as follows with effect from 31.7.96.

1. Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, Prime Minister	Chairman
2. Prof. Madhu Dandavate	Deputy Chairman
3. Shri Chaturanan Mishra Minister of Agriculture	Member
4. Shri P. Chidambaram Minister of Finance	Member
5. Dr. Y.K. Alagh, Minister of State (Independent charge) of the Ministry of Planning & Programme Implementation	Member
6. Dr. S.R. Hashim	Member
7. Dr. J.S. Bajaj	Member
8. Dr. M.R. Srinivasan	Member
9. Dr. Arjun K. Sengupta	Member
10. Dr. (Mrs.) Chitra Naik	Member
11. Dr. G. Thimmaiah	Member
12. Shri S.P. Shukla	Member
13. Dr. Bimal Jalan	Member-Secretary

Simhadri/Krishnapatnam Power Projects

115. DR. M. JAGANNATH :

SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to get the Simhadri power project at Visakhapatnam and Krishnapatnam Thermal Power Station Scheme at Nellore District processed for inclusion under Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund funding;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to get these projects cleared for OECF financing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). Andhra Pradesh Government/Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

(APSEB) have requested assistance for several new power projects including Transmission Schemes for evacuation of power from Vizag, Simhadri and Krishnapatnam TPSs under OECF 1997-98 loan package. However, after discussions with APSEB and keeping in view the preparedness of the related generation projects, Ministry of Finance has been requested to pose the Integrated Transmission Scheme to evacuate power from Vizag and Simhadri TPSs at an estimated cost of Rs.809 crores to the Government of Japan/OECF. Simhadri Thermal Power Generation Project Stage I (2x500MW) of National Thermal Power Corporation in Andhra Pradesh has already been agreed to be funded by the Government of Japan under the 1996-97 OECF loan package.

Supply of Natural Gas

116. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has identified certain areas in Delhi for supply of natural gas alternate cooking fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the project; and

(d) by when this gas distribution project is likely to become operative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (d). GAIL has proposed a project for the supply of natural gas through pipelines to around 2,31,000 domestic consumers besides commercial establishment in Delhi. A pilot project to supply gas to 1200 domestic consumers in Kaka Nagar, Bapa Nagar and Pandara Park areas along with 3 commercial consumers is scheduled to be completed by March, 1997.

Cryogenic Rocket Engine

117. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the first cryogenic rocket engine has been built and test fired successfully;

(b) if so, when and the details of the test results and main features of the engine; and

(c) the follow-up plans for its use in the spacecrafts development programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir. As a part of the indigenous development, a subscale cryogenic pressure fed engine with a rated thrust of one tonne in vacuum has been developed and tested under sea level conditions successfully. A series

of experiments with increasing complexity of which the final test was on Sept. 26, 1996 were conducted in order to understand the basis of cryogenic engine in a phased manner. Whereas the initial tests were conducted with gaseous Hydrogen and gaseous Oxygen, the final tests were conducted with liquid Hydrogen and liquid Oxygen as needed for an operational engine. With this test the series on subscale programme have been concluded after meeting all the objectives envisaged.

(c) The inputs from these tests form the engineering data base useful for development of a cryogenic stage of 7.5 tonne thrust rating for use in GSLV.

[Translation]

Jobs to Land Oustees

118 SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the NTPC has acquired the agriculture land of local rural people for its power project at Dadri in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a provision to employ these people whose land has been acquired for the purpose;

(d) if so, the number of such people who have been appointed so far; and

(e) the work done for the proper development of this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). The Uttar Pradesh Government had acquired the land for the power project of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) at Dadri. 1524 acres of land had been acquired, out of which 67% was barren, waste and water logged.

(c) Subject to requirement/vacancies and suitability, preference is given to Project Affected Persons in recruitment.

(d) The number of land oustees appointed so far is as under :-

Unskilled	:	137
Skilled	:	44

(e) The following works have been completed for the development of this area :-

1. Approach roads to villages.
2. Kharanja/drains in certain villages.
3. Construction of schools.
4. Construction of UP-Kendras (Jachha-Bachha Kendra)
5. The land oustees are being provided training in Computer Software application, training in

motor driving and typing training with a view to equip the land oustees for taking up employment.

6. Allotment of shops and awarding contracts for petty works.

Non-conventional Energy Sources—Maharashtra

119. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether power is being generated through Non-conventional Energy Sources in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of energy being generated;

(c) if not, whether the Government have explored the possibility of electricity generation through Non-Conventional Energy Sources in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof plan-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). 16.3 MW of power is being generated through non-conventional energy sources based on wind, small hydro, bagasse co-generation and solar photovoltaics in Maharashtra State.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Of the cumulative power generation capacity installed in the State, 11.62 MW has been installed during the 8th Plan period while the balance was installed prior to the 8th Plan.

[English]

INSAT-2 Satellite

120. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGARHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the losses suffered by India due to postponement of contractual payments for INSAT-2 launch services;

(b) the reasons for the postponement and whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No losses have been suffered due to postponement of one milestone of the contractual payments for INSAT-2 launch services.

(b) The postponement was done to adjust the cash flow during the Financial Years 1995-96 and 1996-97.